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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CALL ON PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU

1. I PAID A FINAL CALL ON PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU MARCH 21.
CONVERSATION WAS NOT PARTICULARLY FOCUSED. KYPRIANOU
TOUCHED ON SEVERAL FAMILIAR AND ONE NEW THEME AS FOLLOWS:

(A) IN ITS INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION, GOC PLACES
SPECIAL RELIANCE ON THE U.S. THIS IS TRUE FOR THE CYPRUS
PROBLEM BUT ALSO IN A MORE COMPREHENSIVE MORAL AND POLITICAL
SENSE.

(B) KYPRIANOU REGRETTEED THAT COUNSELOR NIMITZ FELT KYPRIANOU
HAD LEAKED TO THE PRESS HIS LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER.
IN REALITY HE, KYPRIANOU, HAD ONLY LET THE PRESS KNOW OF
THE EXISTENCE OF THE LETTER. THE FACT THAT THE LETTER REFERRED
TO TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO WAS ACKNOWLEDGED IN RESPONSE TO
A REPORTER'S QUESTION.

(C) KYPRIANOU CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT HE AND ECEVIT
ARE THE KEY PLAYERS IN THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND HE STILL FEELS
IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO MEET ECEVIT AT AN EARLY STAGE TO
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CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE AND CHART A BROAD NEGOTIATING COURSE.

(D) KYPRIANOU REITERATED HIS CONVICTION THAT A MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD BE IMPORTANT. HE WOULD LIKE THIS
MEETING TO "PRECEDE" OTHERS WHICH MAY BE MADE IN THE NEXT FEW
MONTHS." FOR EXAMPLE, HE IS PLANNING CALLS IN SEVERAL COMMON
MARKET CAPITALS IN MARCH AND A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER
COULD COME BEFORE OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THOSE CALLS.

(E) ECEVIT IS PERCEIVED BY GOC AS STEADILY SLIPPING THE PRESENTATION OF TURKISH PROPOSALS ON TERRITORY AND CONSTITUTION. IN CONVERSATION, TURKISH OFFICIALS ARE KNOWN TO BE ARGUING THAT PRESENTING PROPOSALS IS NO LONGER REALLY WORTH THE EFFORT SINCE GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE DETERMINED TO REJECT THEM SUMMARILY. THIS IS NOT TRUE. PROPOSALS WILL BE STUDIED CAREFULLY TO SEE IF THERE IS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION.

(F) GOC IS ACTING FORCEFULLY TO MAKE SURE THERE IS NO MISUSE OF ITS TERRITORY BY ARABS FIGHTING EACH OTHER OR THE ISRAELIS. PLO OFFICE HERE HAS BEEN STRONGLY ENJOINED TO THIS EFFECT. UNFORTUNATELY, AND A CLEARER CAUSE FOR WORRY, "RELIABLE INTELLIGENCE" INDICATES ISRAEL HAS NOW ESTABLISHED COVERT CONTACT WITH CERTAIN EOKA B ELEMENTS AND OTHERS OF THE FAR RIGHT. FUNDS FROM ISRAEL ARE ENTERING THE ISLAND. THERE IS CONSPIRACY AND TALK OF ASSASSINATIONS, EVEN INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF. WHEN THE INFORMATION IS FLESHED OUT, THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR WILL BE SUMMONED.

2. IN TAKING MY LEAVE, I URGED ONCE AGAIN THAT GOC RESPOND CONSTRUCTIVELY TO TURKISH PROPOSALS WHEN PRESENTED. PICKING UP ON COUNSELOR NIMITZ' CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR DIMITROU, I ASKED THAT CYPRUS NOT CAST ITS ENTIRE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. IN TERMS OF EMBARGO OR NO EMBARGO AND GIVE MORE WEIGHT TO OUR VERY REAL FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT. THIS SUPPORT WILL CONTINUE REGARDLESS OF DECISION U.S. ADMINISTRATION ULTIMATELY MAKES ON THE EMBARGO IN THE LIGHT OF ALLIANCE INTERESTS AND THE CONFIDENTIAL

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INCLUDING CYPRUS.
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